



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2851

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For: SUBSTRATE HOLDING APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS
INCLUDING SUBSTRATE HOLDING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the August 6, 2002 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 8 as set forth in the attached Letter to the Official Draftsperson.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-14 and 24-27 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to pursue the subject matter of these non-elected claims.

Please replace claims 1 and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended) A substrate holding apparatus which holds a flat-like substrate, comprising:

a base member; and